

easily allow to reduce the efforts of nursing staff in moving the patient.

Thanks to the possibility to cause the oscillation of the resting element, the patient is in fact ensured support (and therefore stress caused by pressure) at a continuously different part of the body, so as to reduce  
5   bedsores (by limiting their risk).

Moreover, it is evident that the bed, if associated with the covering means, allows to wash and dry the immobilized patient rapidly and effectively, also by virtue of the fact that thanks to the presence of the shell-like element elimination of any excess of water is facilitated.

10       Washing is in fact greatly facilitated, since the covering means, by being shaped substantially like the resting element, allow to convey the water toward the bottom of the bed, preventing its stagnation.

In addition to what has been described above, it has been found that if the bed can be converted into an armchair, the bed allows to move the  
15   patient from a reclining condition to a condition in which he is at least partially sitting without having to leave the bed: this allows rapid rehabilitation even for patients who are unable to move autonomously, without requiring efforts on the part of the support staff, so as to make the patient resume his vital functions.

20       In practice, the materials used, so long as they are compatible with the contingent use, as well as the shapes and dimensions, may be any according to requirements.

All the details may further be replaced with other technically equivalent elements.

25       The disclosures in Italian Patent Application No. VR2004A000025 from which this application claims priority are incorporated herein by reference.